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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q65488

Masao MINOBE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/810,523

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No.: 6184

Examiner: Thong Q. NGUYEN

Filed: March 19, 2001

For: OPTICAL MICROSCOPE APPARATUS USING CONVERGENT BEAM AS  
ILLUMINATION LIGHT

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**


Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of March 22, 2006 to August 22, 2006.

A check for the statutory fee of \$450.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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